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SUBJECT: REINSTATEMENT OF A PREVIOUS RELIEF REQUEST REGARDING REACTOR VESSEL EXAMINATION - EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. M94568)

Dear Mr. Beckham:

The NRC staff has reviewed your submittal dated December 4, 1995, requesting reinstatement, for Hatch Unit 1 only, of relief request No. 2.1.1 concerning inspection of reactor pressure vessel (RPV) shell welds. This relief was previously granted on September 29, 1986, and subsequently revoked by the issuance of a safety evaluation dated June 22, 1989. This reinstatement and the fulfillment of certain conditions would permit Georgia Power Company (GPC) to defer the augmented reactor pressure vessel examination to the first period of the third interval for Hatch Unit 1 which has commenced on January 1, 1996. For licensees with fewer than 40 months remaining in the inservice inspection interval, the deferral is allowed by 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(A)(3) subject to meeting certain conditions.

Based on the information provided and the NRC staff's review, GPC's request for reinstatement of relief request No. 2.1.1 is granted. This reinstatement and the fulfillment of the other conditions stated in the regulations would allow GPC to defer the augmented RPV examination to the first period of the third interval pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(A)(3). The staff's evaluation and conclusions are contained in the enclosed Safety Evaluation.

Sincerely,
Original signed by:
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Docket No. 50-321
Enclosure: Safety Evaluation
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